

What is being done?

The City of Lincoln Emerald Ash Borer Response and Recovery Plan

3-Phase process to proactively remove and replace public ash trees along streets and parks:

1. Remove: Remove 1,000 public ash trees per year
2. Replant: Plant 1,000 replacement trees utilizing diverse tree species
3. Interim Treatment: Sustain public ash trees with chemical insecticides to allow for safe removal over time



What can I do?

Adopt-An-Ash Program

- Interested property owners can “adopt” public ash street trees to fund chemical treatments, preventing removal
- Visit trees.lincoln.ne.gov to search an interactive database and determine if you have a public ash street tree adjacent to your property, then follow the steps online to adopt your ash tree
- Treatments must occur every two years on an ongoing basis to be effective
- The only approved treatment method is a chemical trunk injection applied by licensed applicator in accordance with state and federal regulations



Street tree eligibility

- Tree is in the public right-of-way (typically between the curb and sidewalk adjacent to your home or business)
- Tree trunk diameter >14” measured 4.5’ above the ground
- Tree is not under overhead wires

How can I participate?

- Confirm tree eligibility and contact a licensed pesticide applicator
- Go to trees.lincoln.ne.gov for a no-cost permit and application information
- Submit completed application at no charge by mail, by email to forestry@lincoln.ne.gov, or in person to the Parks & Recreation office at 3131 O Street, Suite 300 Lincoln, NE 68510



Learn more

Review additional information about the Adopt-An-Ash Program:
trees.lincoln.ne.gov

Questions?

Contact Community Forestry at
Lincoln Parks & Recreation at:
(402) 441-7847, 0

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)



What is EAB?

- An invasive exotic beetle

What does EAB do?

- Feeds on ash trees, quickly resulting in tree damage and death
- Since 2002, EAB has killed hundreds of millions of ash trees in North America

Where is EAB found?

- 35 states including Nebraska have confirmed EAB infestations, and EAB was identified in Lincoln in August 2018

How is Lincoln affected?

- Of about 112,000 planted public trees, over 14,000 are ash. This represents about 12% of the public trees in Lincoln
- The majority of the public ash trees (nearly 12,000) are street trees
- Without action, infested trees will die and become brittle and hazardous



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A partnership between
the City of Lincoln
and community members
who want to protect
Lincoln's mature ash street trees
from Emerald Ash Borer

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